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SUBJECT: KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON HABIB

1. ROK AMBASSADOR HAHM CALLED ON HABIB DECEMBER 19 FOR
GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PENDING PROBLEM AREAS:

A. FRASER AMENDMENT: AT HAHM'S REQUEST HABIB GAVE SUMMARY
OF OUR EFFORTS WITH REGARD TO ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF FRASER
AMENDMENT. HABIB INDICATED THAT AFTER COMMITTEE ACTION ANY
AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY HOUSE AS A WHOLE
AND IN SENATE/HOUSE CONFERENCE. OUR PRESENT VIEW IS THAT
SOME POSSIBLY MORE ACCEPTABLE FORMULATION OF AMENDMENT
MIGHT COME OUT OF COMMITTEE BUT WE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT
UNTIL CONGRESS RESUMES TO HAVE BETTER FEEL FOR WHAT
EVENTUAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WOULD BE.

B. KOREAN QUESTION AT THE UN: HAHM REITERATED ROKG INTER-
EST IN DISCUSSIONS ON OUR STRATEGY WITH REGARD TO KOREAN
QUESTION AT THE UN. HABIB INDICATED THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY
WISH TO HAVE INITIAL INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS SOMETIME
IN JANUARY. HOWEVER, IT IS NECESSARY THAT WE REMAIN FLEX-

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IBLE AND NOT TRY TO REACH HARD AND FAST DECISIONS PRE-

MATURELY.

C. KOREAN REPROCESSING PLANT: IN EXPLICIT TERMS
HABIB MADE CLEAR TO HAHM SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE
VIEW REPROCESSING PLANT PROBLEM. HAHM SAID HE WAS
FULLY AWARE OF OUR VIEWS AND HAD COMMUNICATED THEM
TO PRESIDENT PARK.

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